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SUBJECT: EWG MEETING MAY 9: AD-70 SPRING REPORT

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BEGIN SUMMARY: ON MAY 9, EWG REVIEWED NATIONAL AND NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES' SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO REVISED AD-70 SRPING REPORT, REF A) AND AGREED (SUBJECT TO NETHERLANDS RESERVATIONS ON PARA 67- SUPPORT FROM CIVIL SECTOR) TO FORWARD REPORT TO DPC CONSIDERATION ON MAY 15. EWG ACCEPTED, WITH MINOR REVISIONS, US-SUGGESTED AMEND-

MENTS (REF B). IN CLOSING REMARKS, ACTING CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS ASKED MEMBERS TO REFLECT ON WHETHER AD-70 SPRING REPORT STILL SERVES A USEFUL PURPOSE. END SUMMARY.

1. AS FIVE NATIONAL DELEGATIONS (US, FRG, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, AND UK), SHAPE AND IMS PROPOSED, INWRITING, CHANGES TO REVISED AD-70
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SPRING REPORT (REF A), INTERNATIONAL STAFF CONVENED MEETING OF EWG ON MAY9, RATHER THAN APPROVE REPORT BY SILENCE PROCEDURE. HIGH- LIGHTS OF EWG PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH REVIEW FOLLOW:

2. FORCE CAPABILITIES. EWG ACCEPTED NORWEGAIN PROPOSAL TO ADD, "... ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE THREE OTHER COUNTRIES DO THE SAME" TO END OF FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 9. IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 12, SHAPE RECOMMENDED AND EWG AGREED TO INSERT, "INCLUDING A SERIES OF INTER-RELATED EXERCISES" BETWEEN "SACEUR" AND "TO". ACTING CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS SAID IS WILL REVISE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 17 TO REFLECT THAT TWO SEPARATE REPORTS ON SOUTHERN REGION ARE IN PREPARATION; OCE FOR FOEIGN MINISTERS AND HEADS OF STATE; OANOTHER BY IS, DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY DIVISION, FOR DEFENSE MINISTERS, HUMPHREYS ADDED THAT SYG HAS NOT YET AGREED TO CIRCULATE IS REPORT. (COMMENT): MISSION IS SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF STATUS/PURPOSE OF SOUTHERN REGION REPORTS AND WILL REPORT BY SEPTTEL). FOLLOWING ITALIAN REPS (ADM MACCHIAVELLI) EXPLANATION OF STATUS OF NEW SHIP-FUNDING PROGRAM (INRESPONSE TO SHAPE-SUGGESTED AMENDMENT),EWG DECIDED TO DROP ALL WORDS AFTER "CONSTRUCTION" IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 18. MC REP (COMMODORE BELUYKENS) SAID GREEK MILREP ASKED HIM TO PROPOSE THAT EWG DELETE REFERENCES TO SPECIFIC COUNTRIES IN PARAS ON SOUTHER REGION; EWG REJECTED THIS REQUEST.EWG MODIFIED AND THEN ACCEPTED UK ADDITION TO THIRD SENTENCE OF PARA 21, WHICH ADDS AFTER WORD "CAPABILITY" THE FOLLOWING:"(OTHER THAN THE CONTINUING CONTRBUTION TO THE AMF)."

3. BASIC ISSUES: SHELTERS. EWG ACCEPTED FRG PROPOSAL TO MAKE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 29 CONFORM WITH PRECISE LANGUAGE IN DEC 1973 DPC REPORT TO MINISTERS ON BASIC ISSUES. REWORDED LAST SSENTENCE FOLLOWS:

"MEANWHILE THE STUDY CALLED FOR BY MINISTERS(1) ON THE DESIRABILITY AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF USING INFRA-STRUCTURE FUNDS TO PROVIDE SHELTERS FOR 100 PERCENT OF AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED/EARMARKED TO ACE, AND TOPROVIDE SHELTERS FOR AUGMENTATION FORCES, IS STILL OUTSTANDING".

4. DEFENSE AGAINST ARMOR (PARA 31). EWG ACCEPTED US PROPOSED NEW SECOND SENTENCE (REF B).

5. WAR RESERVE STOCKS. DURING LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF WAR RESERVES, US REP (DR. LEGERE) SAID CURRENT PARA 37 DOES NOT REFER TO OUTSTAND-CONFIDENTIAL

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ING SHAPE AND NATIONAL ACTIONS INWAR RESERVE AREA.SHAPE REP (BGEN MILLER) NOTED THAT NATIONS, AFTER CONSIDERABLE DELEY, HAVE SUBMITTED DESIRED CHANGES TO CURRENT SGN RATES. SHAPE HAS NOW INVITED NATIONS TO JUSTIFY CHANGES; BUT SHAPE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ALLNATIONAL JUSTIFICATIONS.SHAPE REP EMPHASIZED THAT STUDY OF CONSUMTION RATES IS NOT JUST A SIMPLE NUMERICAL REVIEW, AND FURTHER EMPHASIZED THERE H AS BEEN SOME PROGRESS. THEN EWG AGREED TO NEW PARA 37 ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

"AS REGARDS THE UPDATING OF CRITERIA REFERRED TO IN PARA-BRAPH 32 ABOVE, MINISTERS' INSTRUCTIONS IN 1973(1) WERE DIRECTED BOTH TO NMA'S AND TO COUNTRIES; THE FORMER WERE

INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE THEIR REVIEW OF THE ATTRITION AND CONSUMPTION RATES ON WHICH STANDING GROUP NATO (SGN) DAYS OF SUPPLY ARE BASED AND ALSO TO DEVELOP NATO CONSUMPTION RATES FOR NEW MUNITIONS. COUNTRIES WERE, IN TURN, INVITED TO SUBMIT NATIONAL ANALYSES TO THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR THOSE ITEMS FOR WHICH THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE NEW NATO RATES. TWO STUDIES TOWARD THIS END ARE CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS AT THE SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTRE INTO AIR AND LAND FORCE AMMUNITION CONSUMPTION RATES. THESE STUDIES HAVE GREATLY BENEFITED FROM DATA MADE AVAILABLE BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES. BOTH STUDIES ARE AIMED AT DEVELOPING IMPROVED METHODOLOGIES FOR ARRIVING AT REALISTIC MILITARY PLANNING FACTORS. STUDIES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1976. MEANWHILE, PLANNING GUIDANCE IS BEING UPDATED AS RESULTS OF THESE STUDIES BECOME AVAILABLE".

EWG ALSO AGREED TO BELGIAN REP'S (COL TAYMANS) RECOMMENDATION THAT PARA 32 REFER TO LESSONS FROM ME WAR. EWG, LED BY US REP, RESISTED NETHERLANDS EFFORT TO MAKE CENTRAL REGION AN EXCEPTION IN PARA 36; TO HELD MOLLIFY DUTCH, EWG ADDED IN LINE 5 OF PARA 36 AFTER "REQUIREMENTS", NEW WORDS: " IN TIME OF WAR OR CRISIS."

6. MODERN AIR-DELIVERED MUNITIONS (PARA 41). EWG AGREED WITH SHAPE REP THAT NATIONS HAVE NOT YET HAD A CHANCE TO EXPLOIT NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN MODERN AIR MUNITIONS FIELDS AND MODIFIED PARA 41 ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

"THE AVAILABILITY OF PRECISION-GUIDED MUNITIONS ESPECIALLY FOR AIR-TO-SURFACE ATTACK REPRESENTS A QUANTUM JUMP IN TECHNOLOGY AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS IN RELATION TO AIR OPERATIONS OVER LAND AND SEA. THEY PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF NATO'S AIR AND MARITIME FORCES. THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HAS DEVELOPED A COMPUTERIZED PROGRAMME FOR STOCK-PILING AN OPTIMUM MIX OF WEAPONS, INCLUDING ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS, FOR ITS AIRCRAFT. OTHER NATIONS, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT YET BEGUN STOCK-PILING OF MODERN AIR-DELIVERED MUNITIONS."

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7. SUPPORTING PROGRAMS: INFRASTRUCTURE (PARA 46) IMS REP PROPOSED THAT EWG MAKE PRIORITY SENTENCE SQUARE WITH PRIORITIES CITED IN MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. CHAIRMAN SAID IMS HAD A POINT, CAUTIONED AGAINST OVERLOADING PARA ON INFRASTRUCTURE, AND SUGGESTED AS CMPROMISE THAT EWG DROP SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 46; NO ONE OBJECTED.

8. COMMUNICATIONS-NICS (PARA 48) IMS, WITH SUPPORT FROM EXPERTS, PAINTED DARK PICTURE OF PERSONNEL SITUATION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS. FOLLOWING LENGTHY DISCUSSION, EWG SLIGHTLY WATERED DOWN IMS-PROPOSED LANGUAGE BY AGREEING TO ADD FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT END OF PARA 48:

"MOST NATIONS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILLNOT BE ABLE TO RAISE THEIR MANPOWER CEILINGS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL MILITARY PERSONNEL NEEDED, EVEN ON A TEMPORARY BASIS."

9. ELECTRONIC WARFARE EWG ACEPTED NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL TO DELETE /AND FUNDING" FROM LINE 2 OF PARA 56, AND IS PROPOSAL TO DELETE"A COMMON SHIP-LAUNCHED SYSTEM WITHX IN LINE 3, PARA 58.

10. STANDARDIZATION: IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS (PARA 63) FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCUSSION, LED BY SHAPE REP, ON ROLE OF IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS IN AIR AND GROUHND BATTLES, EWG DECIDED TO MODIFY SECOND TROUGH FOURTH SENTENCES. NEW LANGUAGE FOLLOWS:

"THE EFFECTIVENESS OF BOTH OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS IS SERIOUSL DEGRADED BECAUSE WEAPONS MUST BE SEGREGATED RATHER THAN INTEGRATED, AND EFFECTIVE AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT IS SEVERELY HAMPERED. ONE BODY UNDER CNAD..."

11. SUPPORT FROM CIVIL SECTOR (PARA 67) EWG ACCEPTED TWO NETHERLANDS-PROPOSED CHANGES TO LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 67: A) "ARE DEVELOPING" TO " HAVE BEEN INVITED TO DEVELOP" AND B) "CONVENTIONAL" TO "DEFENSE". HOWEVER, WHILE EWG AGREED TO MODIFY THIRD SENTENCE OF PARA 67, IT REFUSED TO DROP REFERENCE TO EXAMPLE, HENCE NETHERLANDS REP (MAJ. STEENAERT) RESERVED ON PARA 67. HE SAID EXAMPLE CAUSED HIS AUTHORITIES PROBLEMS BECAUSE IT RAISES FUNDING QUESTION, WHICH

CROSSES LINES OF SEVERAL MINISTRIES. REVISED THIRD SENTENCE FOLLOWS:

"A MAIN OBJECTIVE REMAINS THAT OF MAKING THE MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING CIVIL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE DEFENSE SECTOR --AN EXAMPLE OF THIS IS PLANNING FOR USE OF CIVILIAN TRANSPORTATION IN WAR IN ORDER TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF SERIOUS MALDEPLOYMENT OF WAR RESERVE STOCKS."

12. CONCLUSIONS. US REP PROPOSED NEW PARAS IN CONCLUSIONS SECTION SUMMARIZING FORCE CAPABILITIES AND BASIC ISSUES (REF B); HE EMPHASIZED NEW PARAS PROVIDED BALANCE TO COVERAGE OF SUPPORTING PROGRAMS IN CURRENT PARAS 70 AND 71. IMS AND SHAPE REPS URGED FULLER COVERAGE OF WIDE SCOPE OF AD-70 RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS AND SAID US-SUGGESTED LANGUAGE IMPLIED "SUPER-PRIORITIES". US REP REPLIED THAT TERM "SUPER-PRIORITIES" GAVE HIM NO PROBLEM--ONE CAN CALL THEM ANYTHING ONE WANTS--BUT FACT IS MINISTERS HAVE IDENTIFIED CERTAIN MEASURES AS MERITING CONCERTED EFFORT. EWG EVENTUALLY AGREED TO FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

A. "ALTHOUGH FORCE CAPABILITIES SHOW SOME IMPROVEMENTS, DISPARITIES BETWEEN NATO AND WARSAW PACT CONVENTIONAL FORCES REMAIN. REDUCTIONS IN THE SIZE OF NATO FORCES IN ANY REGION WILL RISK JEOPARDISING NATO'S DEFENSE CAPABILITIES. ALL NATIONS MUST THEREFORE MAINTAIN FORCES WHICH ARE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE OR FORESEEN IN PLANS CURRENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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DECLARED TO NATO AND CONTINUE TO MODERNISE THESE FORCES.

B. IN THIS CONNECTION, AMONG THE AD-70 RECOMMENDATIONS DEFENSE MINISTERS HAVE IDENTIFIED CERTAIN MEASURES (BASIC ISSUES) REQUIRING URGENT AND IMMEDIATE ACTION. IN RESPONSE, ALLIES HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD PROVIDING AIRCRAFT SHELTERS FOR 70 PERCENT OF EARMARKED AND ASSIGNED COMBAT

TACTICAL AIRCRAFT AND TOWARD IMPROVED ANTI-ARMOR CAPABILITIES. HOWEVER, THE INTRODUCTION OF MODERN ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS, MOBILE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS, ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT, AND MODERN AIR-DELIVERED MUNITIONS HAS BEEN VERY SLOW AND WHEREEVER POSSIBLE MUST BE ACCELERATED. ADDITIONALLY, NEW CRITERIA FOR WAR RESERVE STOCK LEVELS MUST BE DEVELOPED, RATIFIED AND IMPLEMENTED BY NATIONS AS AGREED IN DECEMBER 1973(1)."

(1) DPC/D(73)30, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1973"

COVER NOTE TO REPORT WILL CONTAIN A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CONCLUSIONS SECTION.

13. US REP PRAISED IS FOR DOING AN EFFECTIVE JOB IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD. CHAIRMAN SAID IS SHOULD SHARE BOUQUETS WITH EWG AND ADDED REPORT DOES A REASONABLY GOOD JOB OF REFLECTING CUR-

RENT STATE OF ALLIANCE DEFENCSE. HOWEVER, HE THEN ASKED MEMBERS TO
REFLECT ON WHETHER AD-70 SPRING REPORT STILL SERVES A USEFUL PURPOSE.

14. EWG ALSO MADE OTHER LESS SIGNIFICANT CHANGES (MOSTLY EDITORIAL)
TO DRAFT REPORT. IN LIGHT OF EXTENSIVE REPORTING ABOVE, MISSION
DOES NOT INTEND TO SEND BY TELEGRAM FINAL EWG AD-70 SPRING REPORT
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